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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1A SUBJECT: Consolidation of [redacted] Facility

25X1A REFERENCE: Proposal Modernization of Processing Facility, dated 3 July 1962

25X1A 1. A meeting was held on 29 August at OSA to evaluate [redacted] 25X1A  
25X1A proposal for the consolidation of their [redacted]  
25X1A facility [redacted]

25X1A [redacted] Eugene Kiefer, [redacted]  
25X1A John Parangosky [redacted] Everyone present was in general  
25X1A concurrence that [redacted] proposal should be accepted pretty much as it  
25X1A was written with the notable exception [redacted]

25X1A [redacted] that the proposal didn't reflect their intended "character" for  
25X1A the consolidated facility. As a result of several hours of discussion, it  
25X1A was tentatively agreed that [redacted] would be furnished an estimate of next  
25X1A year's collection products upon which he was supposed to base a new estimate  
25X1A for consolidation.

25X1A 2. NPIC's position was one of requiring the original negative and all  
25X1A duplicates, some seven or eight copies, be prepared by the [redacted]  
25X1A facility. [redacted] stated that this was valid for the "C" program but  
25X1A not for the [redacted] I stated that it would be requested for the products of  
25X1A any program. If current paperwork by the NPIC and NRO doesn't reflect this  
25X1A position it should be amended to do so.

25X1A 3. Another session on the same subject will be held in the near future.  
25X1A NPIC has been requested to attend for the purpose of assisting in an  
25X1A evaluation of [redacted] new proposal. After such an evaluation, the  
25X1A group's recommendations will be forwarded to Drs. [redacted] and Scoville.

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25X1A NPIC [redacted]

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PROPOSAL  
MODERNIZATION OF PROCESSING FACILITY

The Contractor proposes to combine two existing film processing and reproduction facilities into one modern facility built around the more modern of the two facilities as outlined in the attached Technical Work Statement. The Contractor will make detailed studies of the requirements for space, new equipment, utilities and work flow, place orders for all long-lead-time items so as to minimize elapsed time in placing the facility into operation and with an aim of completing the new facility within twelve months after authorization to proceed. Complete integration of the two facilities and abandonment of the existing facility is estimated to be complete in 18 months

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The proposed new facility is to be located entirely on contractor owned property in areas presently utilized by the contractor in pursuit of its normal business. Based on assurance by the Government that the proposed new facility will be occupied at the present or higher level of effort for three or more years (i.e., through fiscal year 1966) the Contractor proposes to make most of the necessary areas available "broom-clean" at its own expense. Such a proposal is made with the understanding that such areas shall be returned to a like condition, or as mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the Government, by the Government at the termination of any contract for their operation.

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As indicated on the attached ROM Estimate, the Contractor roughly estimates the cost of this facility, including required new equipment, at [redacted] Upon approval to proceed and with the authorization of an expenditure of [redacted] the Contractor will proceed as indicated above and agrees to present a more definitive estimate and plan within 120 days.

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TECHNICAL WORK STATEMENT  
MODERNIZATION OF PROCESSING FACILITY

General

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It is proposed that these two facilities be combined to provide one modern facility incorporating modern equipment, clean working conditions, optimized work flow and other innovations for the processing and reproduction of high quality reconnaissance photography.

STATOTHR It is axiomatic that one of the two existing installations be kept as intact as possible and furnish a nucleus for this proposed expansion. The [ ] facility can be dismissed as a potential nucleus after only cursory study. Because of its physical situation it does not lend itself to expansion, it is located in old buildings which would be extremely expensive to convert to modern cleanliness standards, and it is much the older of the two and houses obsolete and inadequate equipment.

STATOTHR Attention is directed, therefore, to the facility at the [ ] This is a modern facility being completed in the summer of 1962. Surrounding it are other buildings which can be made available and compatible with the existing facility. It consists solely of modern equipment little of which would have to be relocated to provide an optimized work flow.

Layout and General Location

STATOTHR The Contractor has tentatively selected areas of the  
STATOTHR 3, 4 and 5 floors of [ ] and part of the  
STATOTHR 2nd floor of [ ] for this combination of facilities inasmuch as the present [ ] Facility is located on the fourth and fifth floors of [ ] A preliminary and strictly tentative layout of the new installation is shown on the attached sketches.

Further study may dictate some minor modifications to this layout but every effort will be made to optimize the work flow and minimize relocation or dislocation of the existing facility.

As noted on the attached table very little area expansion over that of the existing two facilities is contemplated.

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Basically the areas to be expanded lie in the areas of "dry film handling" which are already proven inadequate and in the storage and handling of film and chemicals which are currently almost nonexistent when compared with the demands of the community.

Equipment

STATOTHR Except in one field, that of film processing, the equipment available at the [ ] is generally considered adequate both in amount and quality for the existing state of the art and will be moved to the new facility intact. The one exception, that of the film processing machines, should be replaced. These machines were thrown together hurriedly in the early days of the program, are man-power consuming and require excessive maintenance. It is proposed that these four duplicating processors and two negative processors be replaced with two duplicating and one negative processor of the same design as those in existence at the [ ] Thus this entire new facility will require only three new machines plus augmentation of the present chemical mixing equipment. Two STATOTHR of the processors at the [ ] will be relocated to STATOTHR optimize work flow.

All work involving installation and reinstallation of equipment will be scheduled to minimize loss of production capability.

ROM ESTIMATE  
MODERNIZATION OF PROCESSING FACILITY

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1. Engineering for Building Alterations, providing utilities and services, etc.
2. Labor, Burden and Materials for Building Alterations, etc.
3. Provide and Install 2  Machines
4. Provide and Install 1  Machine
5. Augment Chemical Mixing Equipment
6. Systems Engineering
7. Move and reinstall equipment

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Total Estimated Cost (ROM)

Of the above, in order to prepare a detailed design and estimate and procure long-lead-time items to minimize completion time, approval of an expenditure of  is requested. A more exact estimate will be submitted within 120 days of authorization to proceed.

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As a matter of interest the above estimate may be compared to budgetary figures submitted 24 April 1962 as follows:

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Processing Facility  
Negative Processor (1)  
Duplicating Processors (3)

It is possible that further study will indicate that final cost figures may approach the budgetary estimate and therefore the latter should not be reduced at present.